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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further further processing delays.

 Additional claim fees of \$1038 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1938 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1038
 - \$450 for 25 total claims over 20 .
 - \$588 for 7 independent claims over 3.

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| EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED | | * Indicates |
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| See <u>www.uspto.gov</u> for complete FY 2003 | | fees remain |
| and FY-2004 Fee Schedules | | at FY 2003 |
| and FY-2004 Fee Schedules | | amount |
| DESCRIPTION | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| Basic filing fee - Utility | \$750 | \$770 |
| Basic filling fee - Utility (Small Entity) | \$375 | \$385 |
| Independent claims in excess of three | \$84 | \$86 |
| Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity) | \$42 | \$43 |
| Independent claims in excess of times (ornal zints) | \$18 | \$18* |
| Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity) | \$9 | \$9* |
| Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity) | \$280 | \$290 |
| Multiple dependent claim | \$140 | \$145 |
| Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity) | \$130 | \$130 |
| Surcharge - Late filing fee | \$65 | \$65 |
| Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity) | \$330 | - |
| Design filing fee | \$165 | \$170 |
| Design filing fee (Small Entity) | \$103 \$520 | \$530 |
| Plant filing fee | \$260 | \$265 |
| Plant filing fee (Small Entity) | \$750 | \$770 |
| Reissue filing fee | \$750 \$375 | \$385 |
| Reissue filing fee (Small Entity) | \$375 \$84 | \$86 |
| Reissue independent claims | \$42 | \$43 |
| Reissue independent claims (Small Entity) | \$42 \$18 | \$18* |
| Reissue claims in excess of twenty | \$10 \$9 | \$9* · |
| Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity) | | \$160* |
| Provisional application filing fee | \$160 | \$80* |
| Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity) | \$80 | |
| Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee | \$50 | \$50* |
| Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity) | \$25 | \$25* |
| Non-English Specification | \$130 | \$130* |
| Extension - First month | \$110 | \$110* |
| Extension - First month (Small Entity) | \$55 | \$55* |
| Extension - Second month | \$410 | \$420 |
| Extension - Second month (Small Entity) | \$205 | \$210 |
| Extension - Third month | . \$930 | \$950 |
| Extension - Third month (Small Entity) | \$465 | \$475 |
| Extension - Fourth month | \$1,450 | \$1,480 |
| Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity) | \$725 | \$740 |
| Extension - Fifth month | \$1,970 | \$2,010 |
| Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity) | \$985 | \$1,005 |
| | \$130 | \$130* |
| Petition Processing returned checks | \$50 | \$50° |
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